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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LAYING A PIPELINE

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- 12. [] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- 13. [x] A preliminary amendment.
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